

Town Meeting Agenda

August 28th 7:30 p.m.

Recently, there have been a number of break-ins of both homes and businesses in Town and in an effort to curtail these crimes we have invited Commander Reynolds and Sargeant Evans of the Bethesda District of Montgomery County Police to address the audience.

Please make every effort to attend!!

Stormwater Management Waiver for
3922 Baltimore St.

Community Event Chairperson Needed

We are looking for a Chairperson to oversee our community events. Each event has its own chairperson handling all the details.
Interested? Call the Town Office. If you are a new resident, this is a great way to meet your fellow Town citizens.

Friendly Reminders!

Please do not place your trash curbside prior to the night before pickup and remove cans as soon as possible after the crew empties them.

Remember to clean up after your dog. It's the law!

Washington Street Signal Update

The Washington Street/Connecticut Avenue signal is programmed to space the signal so groups can cross together. If it turned red automatically on command it could result in major backups on Connecticut Avenue. Any other malfunctions should be reported to 240-777-2100.

Mixed Paper Recycling: Do Your Part!

Thanks to all the citizens that are recycling paper on Wednesdays. This is **separate** from the blue bin recycling. Newspapers are still part of that. All other mixed paper should be placed in a separate marked container or paper bag and placed curbside. We save tax \$\$\$\$ by recycling because we can dump this paper for FREE!! Any questions? Don't hesitate to call the Town Office.

Mayor's Report

Metropolitan Avenue

The Mayor met with the staff from the State Highway Administration this month. Interested persons may review the plans in the Council Room. The revised plans show a realignment of Metropolitan Avenue and location of sidewalk changes.

SHA staff presented a new program through State Highway Administration/Maryland Mass Transit referred to as "Access 2000". This project is an initiative to improve both pedestrian and bicycle access to transit rail station throughout Maryland. Kensington is a priority community for this project.

Meetings & Events Attended by the Mayor

The Mayor met with Neal Burka who is involved in the management of his family owned "Kensington Shopping Center". Mr. Burka is interested in working with the Town to improve the appearance of the shopping center. The Mayor has asked the State Highway Administration to work on a streetscape improvement plan for this site along Knowles

Avenue. The State Highway Administration has agreed if the Burkas will give an easement for planting trees. This proposal is being explored.

The Mayor met with Lorraine Kennedy and Irene Iskrant. Mrs. Iskrant wishes to donate a bench to the Clum Kennedy Gardens in memory of her daughter. This will be a nice addition to the park and we appreciate her selecting one of our parks for this memorial.

The Mayor thanks Council Member Chris Bruch for serving as Building Inspector and President Pro Tem while she was on vacation. As always he served the Town well in each position. The Mayor was glad to hear that the July 4th Bike Parade was a great success as was the Town Picnic and was sorry she had to miss both events.

Thanks to Margaret and Geary Fitzpatrick for the successful bike parade and to Rose Starin for chairing the Town picnic.

Council Member Bruch's Report

Infrastructure

Council Member Bruch attended the July 4th Children's Bike Parade and the Town Picnic. Both events were well organized and well attended. Special thanks go to Margaret Fitzpatrick and Rose Starin for making these events possible.

He sent a letter to the State Highway Administration citing continued traffic delays at the Metropolitan Avenue/Plyers Mill Road traffic signal and requested that it reconsider making the signal four-way flashing red at all times.

He asked SHA to look into citizen concerns about reduced visibility at Connecticut Avenue and Baltimore Street due to the recent installation of a new signal pole and control box.

Mr. Bruch discussed stormwater management and exterior lighting concerns related to the fire department renovation with station officials.

He reviewed street/traffic signage installation concerns with the Assistant Director of Public Works.

He drafted a sample notice letter to property owners to inform them about the new property maintenance ordinance.

What's New in Public Works

The Town has been working very hard to clean up and repair the Town yard located at 3835 Dupont Avenue. The completed items include the following: demolition of 30 % of the existing structure (deemed unsafe), replacement of chain link fence around the

complex, and painting of the exterior walls. The roof is scheduled for replacement on August 21st. The Town vehicles have been equipped with two-way radios.

Brick and concrete sidewalk repairs are currently underway at various locations throughout the Town. Curb and gutter repairs are also currently underway.

The following streets are scheduled to be milled and overlaid:

St. Paul St. from Plyers Mill Rd. to Metropolitan Ave.
Knowles Ave. from the Bakers' Union driveway to Armory Ave., {one lane only}
Carroll Pl. from Montgomery Ave. to Fawcett Street
Mitchell St. from Fawcett St. to Armory Ave.
The intersection of Fawcett St and Baltimore St.
Baltimore St. from Fawcett St. to Armory Ave.
Farragut Ave. from St Paul St. to Lexington St.
Frederick Ave. from Kensington Pkwy. to Wake Dr.

The Town has purchased a new Chevy 7500 dump truck, replacing a 1979 dump truck

The Town has replaced or installed twenty new "no trucks" signs.

New park benches have been placed throughout the Town and many older benches have been reconditioned.

New barbecue grills have been installed at St Paul Park.

Organizational Meeting

July 3, 2000

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pro Tem Bruch with Council Members O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker present. Mayor Raufaste necessarily absent.

Council Members retained their areas of responsibility:

Council Member Bruch	–	Infrastructure
Council Member O'Donnell	–	Budget & Finance
Council Member Pfautz	–	Traffic & Safety
Council Member Tucker	–	Parks & Trees

The meeting schedule was set:

Town Meetings	-	Last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Worksessions	-	First Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Bruch was unanimously elected President Pro Tem of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Chris Bruch, President Pro Tem

Town Meeting

July 31, 2000

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Raufaste at 7:30 p.m. with Council Members O'Donnell, Pfautz, and Tucker, Clerk Treasurer McAuley, and Director of Public Works Joel present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Council Member Bruch was excused.

Reports were presented by the Mayor (who also gave Council Member Bruch's report) and Council.

Clerk Treasurer McAuley reported building permit activity for the month: a fence at 3925 Washington St.

Director of Public Works Joel gave an update of his department's activities.

Council Actions

Council Member O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes as printed. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to transfer \$4780 from the Stormdrain Reconstruction account to Vehicle CIP account to pay the balance due on the new dump truck.

The Council concurred that "Fairy Tales in Motion" would be an appropriate tenant to conduct a children's dance class in the Armory.

Council Member O'Donnell moved to extend the Metricom Agreement an additional thirty days in anticipation of the amended agreement that has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor concurring.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat McAuley, Clerk Treasurer

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